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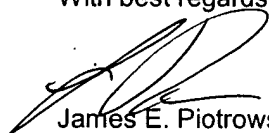
**Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/611,581**  
**Title: Artificial Stone Material and Method of**  
**Manufacture Thereof**  
**Inventor: Albert C. West**  
**Our Ref: CREATK/101/US**

Dear Examiner Chen:

Enclosed please find three samples of artificial stone materials made according to the above-referenced application. I hope that these specimens will be helpful in visualizing the materials of the above application. Please note that I cut each of these samples from a larger specimen. Some parts of the cut edge chipped during cutting.

Please call me at 860.527.9211 when you have received these specimens so that we can discuss this application further.

With best regards,



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